



The Chanticleer

New 159 website - www.branch159.sirinc2.org

Date October 11, 2018
Place Pardini's Restaurant
2257 W. Shaw Avenue

Program : Clovis Police Dept. Personnel

Social Hour 11:00 AM
Luncheon: 12 Noon
\$15 and no Buck Bucket

Activities Calendar for October

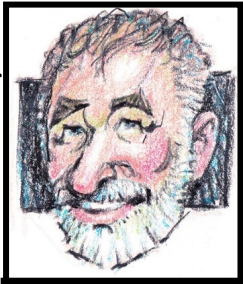
Date	Event	Contact
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Whitmer's Warriors Golf	Steve Chase
October 9	Poker	Michael Levine
October 4, 10, 18, 25	SIR Golf	Duke Marshall
October 17	Dine out Night Toledo's Mexican Restaurant	Ben Tyson
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	SIRS Bowling	Duke Marshall
October 2, 16, 30	SIR Bridge	Vic Froehmer
October 11	Luncheon	Ron Travis (RSVP)
October 16	History Roundtable	Mike Rumley
October 24	Men's Luncheon	Lee Moy
October 3, 17	Horseshoes	Rich Lewis
October 12, 26	Pinochle	Duke Marshall

Fall is my favorite season of the 4 that we have. For the next 90 days or so the days will get shorter and the nights get longer. There is an increasingly bite to the air, air conditioners get turned off, windows open at night, and I finally get to sleep under the covers. With the cooler weather golf becomes less of a chore and more fun and just breathing the air is no longer hazardous to your health. Change is in the air!



Big SIR Mike

The Mission of Sons In Retirement is to improve the lives of our Members through fun activities and events while creating friends for life.



Little SIR Rich



Have a safe, sane and happy halloween and have plenty of treats for US kids.

October brings us the Fresno District Fair. While I have no competitive exhibits this year I will still be taking advantage of Senior Day on Monday October 8, (Big SIR continued on page 2)

Speaking of treats, what a treat the (Little SIR continued on page 2)

(Big SIR continued from page 1) 2018 from 9 am to 1 pm to get in free and check out the displays of our fellow roosters. And, I will be at the Races to see if I can get a daily double or a trifecta or two. You can probably tell that I don't know a lot about horse racing. If you do go to the Fair make sure you are wearing your SIR apparel. This is a good way to advertise our program.

On September 21, 2018 we held a special meeting to discuss the proposed changes to SIR coming from the State organization. We had a good turnout and everyone was able to express their opinions. Now, our Branch's BEC will vote on each of the proposals for the Future of SIR and we will be sending our consensus and objections to the State by October 16. The proposals are published elsewhere in our newsletter. If you were not able to attend the special meeting, grab one of the BEC members by phone or email and let them know your position. At the luncheon I will announce the results. Also, at the luncheon our Treasurer Stan Day will do a brief presentation on the increase in costs that has necessitated an increase in lunch and assessments for 2019.

October heralds change. Shortly, the holiday season will be on us and the global turkey population will steeply decline. And, likewise our Branch will face some changes. I really believe that the Future of SIR will be to embrace some new ideas but not lose sight of who our base is and why we joined SIR. I know I am going to continue to have fun while I am making new friends for life. See you at the luncheon.

Future of SIR

On September 21, 2018 Branch 159 sponsored an open meeting to discuss the changes that have been proposed by President Elect Ed Benson's Task Force on (Future continued on page 3)

(Little SIR continued from page 1) "copious" (I put this word in for the benefit of Steve Chase) amount of art "our very own" Perry Huffman presented at our luncheon last month. Great job and what a career you had Perry. Heck, I can't even do good stick art??

Our speakers for October will be from the Clovis Police Department. They will inform us about the many programs they have developed for our community. If you haven't done so already, download the "CLOVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT" app on your smartphone or iPad to see how they serve the people in the community.

Summer is officially over and Fall is here with cooler weather enabling us to really enjoy the outdoors again. Look at the top of this page to see the many activities for you to enjoy, either indoors or outdoors.

Take advantage because Winter is just around the corner with the "copious" amount of rain that we will get just because we need it.

Speaking of Winter, don't forget to sign up for the December 13 Christmas Lunch—Bruce Corwin has done a fantastic job of lining up a great program. Look for the notice in this publication and send your money no later than Dec. 3rd to Bruce.

On a side note, after playing a round of golf at the Monday Whitmers Warriors golf outing, our group was discussing electric hybrid cars and we commented on the gas savings they generate as well as the reduction of pollution. As we left the golf course, I felt rather despondent because I drive a big gas hog. However, after getting home I did a little research and found the following information and now I feel much better.

A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found golfers (Little SIR continued on page 3)

(Future continued from page 2) the future of SIR. *(Little SIR continued from page 2) drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year, which means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon. Kind of makes you proud. I almost feel like a hybrid.*

Our meeting was well attended by representatives from all 4 branches in Area 19. Area Governor Jim Hiney and Big Sir Mike Rumley moderated a discussion surrounding the 22 proposed changes to our State By-Laws and Rules. All members were invited to attend and give their perspective regarding the proposed changes. Given the feedback from the general membership each individual Branch will be given the opportunity to vote on each issue. This vote will take place at our BEC meeting on October 11, 2018. Below is the actual ballot that our Branch will fill out. If you were not able to attend the meeting then you still have a chance to let a member of the BEC to let your feelings be known. The final decision on these issues will be made by the State Board at their meeting on October 30, 2018.

BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH

September's Best Bowling

We will begin a new bowling year (2018-19) on September 4. That means all statistics begin anew. We invite any and all SIR members to come join us – Tuesday afternoons, 1 PM at Bowlero Lanes (formerly Sierra Lanes) at the corner of Blackstone & Sierra. Anyone interested, please contact Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 or just show up and we will get you started. See you there.

DATE		NAME	SCORE
4-Sep	Hi Scratch Series	Duke Marshall	159
	Hi Hdcp.Series	Daryl Derouchey	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Merle Knapp	175
11-Sep	Hi Hdcp.Game	Dan Pitta	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	159
	Hi Hdcp.Series	Rich Lewis	159
18-Sep	Hi Scratch Game	Alan Barton	159
	Hi Hdcp.Game	Duke Marshall	159
	Hi Scratch Series	Ed Beier	159
25-Sep	Hi Hdcp.Series	Alan Barton	159
	Hi Scratch Game	Bill Laudig	159
	Hi Hdcp.Game	Daryl Derouchey	159

As I look back over the past year, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of our TOPS.

2017/18	BEST	
Hi Avg	Ed Beier	196
Hi Avg 2nd	Hector Leyva	195
Hi Scratch Series	Hector Leyva	707
Hi Scratch Series 2nd	Alan Barton	625
Hi Scratch Game	Hector Leyva	289
Hi Scratch Game 2nd	Ed Beier	248
Hi Hdcp Series	Hector Leyva	713
Hi Hdcp Series 2nd	Duke Marshall	697
Hi Hdcp Game	Hector Leyva	293
Hi Hdcp Game 2nd	Duke Marshall	261
Most improved	Alan Barton	18
Most improved 2nd	Joe Huizar	5
Most improved 3rd	Ed Beier	4

Emphasize the name SIR when addressing potential recruits, and in other recruiting opportunities.

Focus SIR recruiting materials on two mottos that capture the nature of SIR – “Make Friends for Life” and, “We are SIR, the activity club for men”.

Strongly encourage Sirs when they are volunteering in the community as individuals to wear Sir apparel to bring recognition that SIR is helping

(A) Encourage Branches to establish more coed activities (a target might be 50 percent of Branch activities). AND : (B) Build recruiting alliances with women's and other organizations at the State and Branch level.

Encourage Branches to offer additional activities that support physical health and fitness as well as educational activities/opportunities to stimulate the mind.

Branches are to retain the current “five meeting” rule (Future continued on page 4)

NEWS in the Golfing Community

(Future continued from page 3) unless the Branch BEC elects to set their own attendance rules.

Eliminate inactive and emeritus status, and allow those members missing meetings to remain SIR members. Allow Branches the flexibility to accommodate those members who are unable or dislike attending meetings to remain SIR members.

Encourage member surveys, be they formal or informal, as surveys are critical to ensuring long-term member satisfaction.

Better match our ethnic mix with that of the community recruited

Be frugal.

(A) Encourage all levels of SIR to tap into the capabilities of Sir's younger and newer members AND (B) Term out directors after three years unless participating in a succession program to gain branch leadership experience. Approval for non-compliant actions may be granted by the Region Director, or the President in the Region Director's absence.

Significantly reduce the words retirement, senior, and other ageist language from our external communications.

Recruit “men just sitting around home” as SIR can significantly improve their lives – they are a ready-made market for us.

Allow more flexibility at the branch level -to simplify their operations and define the minimum requirements that need to be met.

(Future continued on page 5)

September arrived with is great variation in weather. However like August Bob Mattson pulled off what is considered a GREAT golfing feat by shooting his age again. That is twice within a months period of time. At 85 years young Bob shot a gross 82 at Belmont on September 20. At Riverside we played a flighted individual stroke play match where Scott Dye took flight 1 with a low net of 65 and flight 2 went to Brett Baily with a net 67. Flight 3 was taken by Alex Ramirez with the low net of the day of 60 and flight 4 to Earl Mederios at 69. Great rounds by all the winners. The following week at Fig Garden in a game of 4Man@BB The team of Joe Hushek, Gary Lemaster, Bill Leavitt and Terry Woolfe beat 10 other teams With a score of 31 under par. On the 20th we moved to Belmont CC to play a 2-manBB where Mike Cunningham and Bob Mattson teamed up to take the field by shooting a net 58 or 13 under par. The fourth round of the month saw us take on Pheasant Run in Chowchila for a 4Man scramble tournament. The team of Gary Morgan, Richard Glover, Bill Laudig and Perry Huffman captured the day shooting a gross 65, 8 under par.

Our Monthly chairman for October will be, Stuart Poytress (298-4323) or (scpoytress@aol.com) .assisted by Gary Lemaster

4-Oct	Thurs.	Dragonfly 432-3020	8:00 AM	Individual
10-Oct	Wed.	Madera CC 674-2682	9:00 AM	2ManBB
18-Oct	Thurs.	Riverside 275-5900	9:00 AM	Scramble
25-Oct	Thurs.	Madera Muni 675-3504	9:00 AM	4Man2BB
1-Nov	Thurs.	Sunnyside CC 255-6871	8:30 AM	Ind or Scmble
7-Nov	Wed.	Fig Garden 439-2928	11:00 AM	4Man2BB

In October we end the current golf year with the third and concluding round for the branch Individual Championship at Dragonfly. This year we will be presenting the awards at a luncheon on the 30th of October at Yosemite Falls Café near Shaw & Blackstone from 10:30 am to 1 pm. John Briceno has the sign-up list. Please confirm with him before the 23rd of Oct. Remember also that the season points displayed are for the (Golf continued on page 5)

(Future continued from page 4) (A) Refrain from expending resources on failing branches that do not want to improve. Instead, help branches that want to improve AND (B) Explore opening new Branches in high opportunity cities.

Provide State Chairmen of key committees a stronger voice at the State Board.

Sons In Retirement, Inc Branch 159 Financial	
	Month: SEPTEMBER
Beginning Balance (Checking)	\$4,980.92
Expenses	\$ 2,149.55
	\$2,831.37
Revenues	\$ 2,320.00
Month Ending Balance (Checking)	\$5,151.37
Cash Reserve (Luncheon Change Fund)	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$5,651.37
Net Gain / Loss	\$170.45

Poker

Our next Poker Tournament will be at Terry Byrne's home on Tuesday, October 9, 2018. The game starts at noon. Terry's address is 5518 N. La Ventana, Fresno CA 93723. His phone number is 559-341-8776. Please let Terry or me know if you can make the game. If you have any questions about the game or if you can host a future game please call me
Look forward to seeing you!

Michael Levine

History Round Table

The History Round Table is set to meet again on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the Yosemite Falls Café. (On Blackstone just north of Shaw) Last month we discussed the history of Labor in the US and shared our experiences as a part of the American work force. As usual, we brought the discussion full circle to relate it to today's issues facing our work force. This month we would like to examine the history of Tariffs in

(Golf continued from page 4) second half of the year. I know several of you are keeping a keen eye on the standings.

The new interactive sign-up on our web page seems to be going fairly smooth with a few problems. Notice the two tone page White and Peach. It is the column in **front (LEFT)** of the event (**SAME COLOR**) where the "x or 2 or 4 or s" is marked. It should be noted that the sign-ups are locked down (no more changes on the web page allowed) at 7 pm on Sunday. After this time call or email the monthly chairman.

Our pairings page is now just a link to our Portal Page at USGA TM. The results Page will also take you to our Portal page. We now have 20 rounds under the new scoring system. Just hit 'em down the middle!

Duke Marshall , Golf Chair.

our country. Tariffs have been a continual flash point in our country's history going back to Alexander Hamilton and the tariff of 1792. What are the the pros and cons facing our current policy? Come to the RoundTable and let your feelings be heard. We do not subscribe to any political ideology, just the issue at hand.

Mike Rumley Chairman

Attendance

In Sept. sir branch #159 had 200 active members with 127 of those members attending the Sept. luncheon at Pardini's. This represents 63% of the active membership. Of the 73 members absent 52% were excused. Members are expected to attend monthly meeting's or to notify the attendance chairman or their callers with the wish to be excused. If you are unable to attend a future meeting please call 277-3971 or send a email to Fresnosenior@aol.com. When calling or emailing (**Attendance continued on page 6**)

159 Officers

Big SIR – Mike Rumley
Little SIR – Rich Lewis
Secretary – Vic Froehmer
Secretary – Carl Merz
Treasurer – Stan Day
Treasurer – Bruce Corwin

Directors

Roger Deal (Hon. Dir.)
Dell Kerns (2018)
Gary Becker (2018)
Duke Marshall (2019)
Stuart Poytress (2019)
Gary Morgan (2020)
Ron Wilson (2020)

Bridge Results

September 4 1st Hugh Cox
2nd Fred Wrazel 3rd Robert
Moore 4th Jim Lund 5th Janet
Wrazel 6th Vic Froehmer
Consolation Russ Mott

High table 2,290 Hugh Cox

High Individual 4,990
Hugh Cox

September 18 1st Ron Ray-
burn 2nd Robert Moore
3rd Jim Stefanich 4th Hugh
Cox 5th Vic Froehmer
6th Bob Cleveland 7th Donna
Rayburn

Consolation Jim Lund

High table 2,570
Ron Rayburn Hugh Cox

High Individual 7,790 Ron
Rayburn

Next Games

Oct 2 16 30

(Attendance continued from page 5)

please include your name and
badge number.

Dell Kerns attendance chairman

Dine out Night

Wed. October 17

Toledo's Mexican Restaurant
1125 Shaw Ave— Clovis
Across from Sierra Vista Mall

Social 5:30, Dinner: 6:00

**(We will be ordering from a
the menu with
individual paying.)**

Hosted by

Ben & Paulette Tyson

**Reserve at 408-202-4886 or
bentyson@yahoo.com**

Anniversaries

Barbara & Kent Billeter

Shirley & Hugh Cox

Debbie & Jeffrey Curtin

Sue & Scott Dye

Leslie & Garry Elliott

Cathy & Butch Evans

Lydia & Nick Fierro

Angie & Alex Flores

Connie & Paul Gonzales,

Bonnie & Les Gorden

Chris & Mark Hoffmann

Mary & Jim Lund

Diana & Bob Moore

Lynn & John Pokorny

Floy & Bill Ranells

Mary & Don Reitz

Sharon & Donald Smith

Ronnalie & Mel Welch

Birthday List

Ron Branam, Lance Casper, Stan
Day, Bill Ellsworth, Carlos
Fernandez, Dell Kerns,
Joe Montejano, Jerry Poochigian
Bob Price, George Rodriguez,
Ben Romo, Bob Sexton, Terry
Wolf, Bob Zoldoske

PINOCHOLE NEWS

The Pinochle group meets every
2nd and 4th Fridays of the month,
1 to 3:30 pm and meet at my place
for now at 3434 W Menlo , just off
of Sierra & Valentine. We met
once this past month as I was
away for our anniversary. On the
24th a couple no shows left only
three of us so we played three-
handed cut throat Dell won a
game, Duke won a game and then
Bob announced he was going to
leave early to manage the score-
board at Sunnyside. So Dell and I
headed out early for the SIRs at
the Grizzlies baseball game.
Starting on Sept.14 we are inviting
wives and SOs to join in. We cur-
rently have 8 Sirs in our group.
More are welcome. Contact me,
Duke Marshall @ 447-5388 if you

ODE TO RUMLEY

Has there ever been a bigger Big Sir?

In spirit, not girth, as it were.

He barbed with the best

But always in jest

And his year, it sped by in a blur.

Horseshoe results September 5th and 19th

Ed Beier—76—remains the leader with a target on his back.

Robert Rathburn—64—hot on Ed's hooves. He brought his brother Dick for moral support and we learned a lot about our mild mannered Robert. Not the angel he tries to portray.

Dennis Rich—40—only one outing—look out Ed, Robert and Dell. Hot on their heels, AND he knows the rules.

Rich Lewis—37—look out next month.

Bill Laudig—26—only one outing. Look out at the top—the potential is there.

Steve Chase—22—he needs to be more selective for his teammates—I haven't been much help.

Dell Kerns—16—only one outing. Hobbling on one leg-gives us a chance.

Gerry Fields—14—only one outing—an off day, he has been a consistent scorer.

Mike Rumley—13—it's OK Mike-we all started with low scores—well maybe not that LOW. That's right, Mike had surgery on his wrist—any excuse works.

Come out and join us for the time of your life—of course your life is what is on the line with those wild and crazy guys.

Men's Luncheon

“Thanks” to the many sponsors for having brought to SIR Branch #159 some mighty nice new guys to this organization. Both Steve Beveridge and Hector Leyva went to their first Men's Luncheon. Hector & his wife also attended the A's vs SF Giants SIR Day at the Ball Park. Recent retired Brent Bayley and Los An-

New Members

Each month when we induct new members we will ask them to give us a little info about themselves and we will put that in the Chanticleer along with their picture. In a group with over 200 members it can be easy to get lost in the shuffle. So please, get to know the newest members, introduce yourselves to them at the next luncheon and help get them involved. Let them know that we consider it a privilege that they have chosen to spend some time with us.



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geles transplant Gary Lemaster acknowledged that they do listen to the monthly lunch announcements & spoke at the special meeting held at Woodward Park Library. “Robert” Yin shared a good laugh when he received a “Crazy Rich Asian” poster. Mark Hoffman and Scott Dye have also participated at most of the golf matches. Thanks to Gary Morgan and Duke Marshall for putting all of their time taking care of the many (Men's Luncheon continued on page 8)

(Men's Luncheon continued from page 7) golf arrangements for us.

Last month quip "clean our plates because children were starving in China" has no place in Sons in Retirement. It is emphatically politically incorrect. Let us continue to increase membership, bringing in great men of all races, so they too might enjoy the many activities offered as we enjoy their company.

Men's Luncheon is having a very special October 23rd (Tuesday). At 10 am meet at Barnes & Noble. A table of ten has been set aside for our group. We'll have early lunch on the patio of Sierra Nut House (next to Horn's)-11am. Booked/RSVP for a dozen folks; wives encouraged to participate. We'll then get a private tour of Total Wines. Finally, we've added "First Man" the movie (about 2 pm) to our slate of wonderful offerings. Come when you can. Enjoy some/all of these special day activities. They are all conveniently located near each other.

Finally, I want to say "thanks" to the many complementary remarks from these guys: Robert Rathburn, David Barredo, Bernie Cargle, Gary Lemasters, Gilbert Matossian, Lynn Streit, and Donald Von Berg. They acknowledged receiving their birthday/anniversary flyer. Appreciation is a two-way street.

Looking forward to meeting even more new semi/retired gentlemen.



I was at an A.T.M. yesterday. A little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

My neighbor knocked on my door at 2:30 a.m. Can you believe that! 2:30 a.m.? Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

The wife was counting all the nickels and dimes out on the kitchen table when she suddenly got very angry and started shouting and crying for no reason. I thought to myself, "She's going through the change."



**September Speaker Perry Huffman
with Little SIR Rich Lewis**



Ted Feasel Receives Senior Award

My girlfriend thinks that I'm a stalker. Well, she's not exactly my girlfriend yet.

An East Indian fellow has moved in next door. He has traveled the world, has swum with sharks, has wrestled bears and climbed the highest mountain. It came as no surprise to learn his name was Bindair Dundat



SIR BRANCH #159 ALL STAR TEAM

SIR MEMBERS: Del Kerns, Duke Marshall, Perry Huffman, Terry Schneider, Pete Openshaw, Gary Bender, Lee Moy, Reg Rosander & Sharon Bryant



Sons in Retirement Fresno Branch #159 getting together for our annual "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at Chukchansi Park. Host Fresno Grizzlies played against the Salt Lake Bees; Houston Astro vs LA Angels—MBA AAA affiliates. MVP trophy, ball park tour, craft brewery, and behind home plate seats.....

SIR Lee Moy
State SIR Sports



Total 
Wine
 & MORE



October 23
Tuesday

Triple Decker of Fun

10 am—**Barnes & Noble**
Starbucks

11 am—**Sierra Nut House**
 Men's Luncheon—***RSVP***

noon—**Total Wine** tour
 Scotch, Whiskey, Gin
 no sample tasting



 **SIERRA NUT HOUSE**

plenty to do
 plenty more to see
 check out the latest
 enjoy a delicious lunch

SIR Lee Moy
 Men's Luncheon
LeeHealthStudio@gmail.com
 *559-709-9851

SOUP SANDWICH



October 24, Wednesday

Support our Branch
Activities

free book rentals

Men's Luncheon
Date Night
Monthly Luncheon

educational/informative
discovery trips

10 am—Starbucks coffee
at **Barnes & Noble**

11 am—Men's Luncheon
Sierra Nut House

noon—whiskey, scotch,
gin tour
Total Wine
(NO samples)



SIR Lee Moy
Men's Luncheon

"Soup and sandwich goes together like a horse and carriage.....
.....you can't have one without the oooooottthhhheeeerrrrr."

"Mmm good. Mmm good."



TIM MANNIX

COMEDY MAGIC & MENTALISM

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON — DECEMBER 13, 2018

SOCIAL 11:30 AM LUNCH 12:00 NOON

ALL MEMBERS, WIFES, AND OTHER GUESTS ARE WELCOME

Pardini's, 2257 W Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93711

"You were wonderful. I loved every
minute of it!" - Roseanne Cash

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND MAIL WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO SIR 159 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20 PER PERSON TO: BRUCE CORWIN, 7334 W. PORTALS AVE., FRESNO, CA 93723

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY 12/3/2018

NAME: _____ HAM/TURKEY _____ GUEST: _____ HAM/TURKEY _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____